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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Extension

AGENCY: U.S. Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and request for OMB review and comment.

SUMMARY: The EIA has submitted an information collection request to the OMB for extension under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The information collection requests a three-year extension of Form FE-746R, “Natural Gas Imports and Exports,” OMB Control Number 1901-0294. The proposed collection will support DOE’s Office of Fossil Energy (FE) in the collection of critical information on U.S. natural gas trade. Data collected include name of importer/exporter; country of origin/destination; international point of entry/exit; name of supplier; volume; price; transporters; U.S. geographic market(s) served; and duration of supply contract on a monthly basis. The data, published in *Natural Gas Imports and Exports*, are used to monitor North American gas trade, and to support various market and regulatory analyses performed by FE.

DATES: Comments regarding this proposed information collection must be received on or before **[INSERT DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the

DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible.

The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
New Executive Office Building
Room 10102, 735 17th Street NW
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And to:

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Lisa Tracy at the contact information above. Alternatively, Ms. Tracy may be emailed at lisa.tracy@hq.doe.gov. Copies of the information collection instruments and instructions can also be viewed at

http://www.fe.doe.gov/programs/gasregulation/report_guidelines.html

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) *OMB No.*: 1901-0294; (2) *Information Collection Request Title*: Natural Gas Imports and Exports; (3) *Type of Request*: Three-Year Extension; (4) *Purpose*: The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (15 U.S.C. 761 et seq.) and the DOE Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive,

and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near and longer term domestic demands. The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA.

DOE's Office of Fossil Energy (FE) is delegated the authority to regulate natural gas imports and exports under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, 15 U.S.C. 717b. In order to carry out its delegated responsibility, FE requires those persons seeking to import or export natural gas to file an application providing basic information on the scope and nature of the proposed import/export activity. Once an importer or exporter receives authorization from FE, they are required to submit monthly reports of all import and export transactions. Form FE-746R collects critical information on U.S. natural gas trade including: name of importer/exporter; country of origin/destination; international point of entry/exit; name of supplier; volume; price; transporters; U.S. geographic market(s) served; and duration of supply contract on a monthly basis. The data, published in *Natural Gas Imports and Exports*, are used to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of the authorizations. In addition, the data are used to monitor North American gas trade, which, in turn, enables the Federal government to perform market and regulatory analyses; improve the capability of industry and the government to respond to any future energy-related supply problems; and keep the general public

informed of international natural gas trade. Responses to EIA's information collection are required by 15 U.S.C. 772(b); (5) *Annual Estimated Number of Respondents*: 326; (6) *Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses*: 4,099; (7) *Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours*: 12,978; (8) *Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden*: \$0; FE estimates that there are no additional costs to respondents associated with the surveys other than the costs associated with the burden hours.

Statutory Authority: Section 13(b) of the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93-275, codified at 15 U.S.C. 772(b) and Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act of 1938, codified at 15 U.S.C. 717(b).

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U. S. Energy Information Administration

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